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RE: MRS. PAUL BONNER & MRS. FRANCES VORHEES

These ladies are sisters of Mr. Hall. On Friday, September 15th, early in the morning, Mrs. Hall called Mrs. Vorhees on the telephone and informed her that Mr. Hall was missing. Mrs. Vorhees said she would communicate with Mrs. Bonner and come to New Brunswick as soon as possible. Mrs. Hall met them in her car at the station in New Brunswick about 11:30 A.M. The three women then drove up toward Mrs. Hall's house, but stopped on the way at the Mills' house. Mrs. Hall went in and spoke to Mills. Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. Vorhees both recall distinctly the impression that Mills made upon them at that time. He seemed completely indifferent to the situation. Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. Vorhees stayed with Mrs. Hall all that afternoon of Friday. One of the first things they said to Mrs. Hall was, "Frances, do you think there is anything between them". Mrs. Hall said, "I know there is absolutely nothing". Mrs. Bonner suggested that Mr. Hall's checkbook be looked over to see if he had withdrawn any unusual amount of money. Mrs. Hall did so and found that no money had been withdrawn by him. They were all "frantic" and did not know what to do. One of them suggested that they get in touch with Mr. Florence, which was done, but, when he came to the house, he had no helpful suggestions. He merely counselled doing nothing. During the afternoon Mrs. Bonner told Mrs. Hall, "Franky (meaning Mrs. Vorhees) thinks he must be dead or he would come home". Both Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. Vorhees have a distinct recollection that Mrs. Minnie Clark seemed to be around the Hall house a great deal on Friday. Mrs. Vorhees thought it would be best to take her little daughter Frances home, which she did late in the afternoon. Mrs. Bonner had to meet a Norwegian maid, who was landing early the following day in New York, and she left also. Mrs. Hall assured them that it was not necessary for either of them to spend the night with her. Mrs. Vorhees took with her to her home in Jersey City Mrs. Hall senior, who was then staying at a boarding house in New Brunswick. On Saturday afternoon, after she had been notified of the discovery of the bodies, Mrs. Bonner came to the Hall house and stayed over night with Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Vorhees brought Mrs. Hall senior to the Hall house on Sunday afternoon. When Mrs. Hall senior came into the house she said to Mrs. Frances Hall, "Frances, I had to come down to see you". They embraced. The two Mrs. Halls "adored" each other.

Mrs. Bonner spent the winter of 1923-4 in Italy with Mrs. Hall. They have always been very close friends. Mrs. Vorhees apparently was very close to Mr. Hall. He was especially fond of little Frances Vorhees. Mrs. Vorhees thinks it significant that Mr. Hall had no premonition of anything out of the way when he left the Hall house on